

CIA Outrages Own Spying Expert

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Central Intelligence Agency is investigating one of its experts in clandestine affairs. Classified documents were found in his home by another CIA man who was looking for a place to live.

The expert — Hans V. Tofte — was brought under investigation after the house hunter and a CIA security man returned to his Georgetown home and recovered the documents.

TOFTE SAID that after the second visit, he was missing \$20,000 in jewelry belonging to his wife.

At the time the documents were discovered by Kenneth R. Slocum, who reported his find to CIA security men, neither Tofte nor Slocum knew the other was employed by the U.S. spy agency.

A CIA spokesman gave the agency's side of the story Tuesday in response to a story

in the Minneapolis Tribune and the Des Moines Register and Tribune by Washington correspondent Clark Mollenhoff.

Tofte told UPI that the CIA staged a "silly cloak and dagger raid" on his home, and that he was outraged. He said it was customary for CIA men of his standing to take papers home to work on them. The Mollenhoff story described Tofte as a \$25,000-a-year man for the CIA.

HE SAID the agency could well have waited outside his home until he had returned home, and then asked him to get the documents. Instead, he said, they distracted his mother-in-law while ostensibly looking at the house, and picked them up.

He said, "What started as a coincidence ended as a clumsy performance." He termed the handling of the matter "unprofessional."

The CIA spokesman said

Tofte still is on the agency's employment rolls, but that the investigation of his handling of classified documents is continuing.

The CIA spokesman said Tofte listed his home for sale with a realty firm, which arranged for Slocum to see the property.

SLOCUM was shown through the house by Tofte's mother-in-law on July 23. Tofte said he only wanted to show a basement apartment.

"Since the presence of exposed classified documents in a private home constitutes a violation of agency security regulations, Mr. and Mrs. Slocum and Charles D. Speake, a security representative of this agency, returned to the residence on July 24," the spokesman said.

"They were again admitted by Tofte's mother-in-law and took custody of the classified material. Subsequently, Tofte advised a security official of

this agency that some jewelry belonging to his wife was missing.

"HE WAS encouraged to report this immediately to the Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia, which we understand is investigating the reported loss. This agency is cooperating fully with the authorities of the 7th Precinct in this investigation."

Police said they went to the home on July 25 and that Mrs. Tofte told them that approximately \$19,000 worth of jewels in a purse were missing from a first floor closet.

The policemen said Mrs. Tofte also mentioned that some "manuscripts" were missing from the third floor, but that she didn't know much about them except that they belonged to her husband.

A check of pawnshops in the area has failed to turn up any trace of the missing jewels, police said.